

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Edward Greef, on March 7, 2017 at 3:30 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 2, 2/24/2017; SB 189, 2/24/2017

HEARING ON SB 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:41 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 2, Clarify county commission quorum requirements.

00:04:05 Rep. Lavin joined the meeting

Proponents:

00:08:50 Jason Rittal, Fallon County

00:09:33 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents: None

Informational Witnesses:

00:12:21 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:12 Rep. Hayman

00:17:08 John MacDonald, MNA

00:17:36 Rep. Garner

00:17:51 Eric Bryson, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:25 Sen. Connell

HEARING ON SB 189

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:42 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 189, Revise protest provisions for special districts.

EXHIBIT(loh47a01)

Proponents:

00:26:57 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:27:49 Don Nelson, Self

00:29:31 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents:

00:30:15 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:36:57 John MacDonald, Missoula

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:25 Rep. Kelker

00:41:31 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

00:41:51 Rep. Dunwell

00:43:35 John MacDonald, Missoula

00:44:54 Rep. Dunwell

00:47:51 Sen. K. Regier
00:48:35 Rep. A. Hertz
00:51:22 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
00:51:36 Rep. Abbott
00:51:52 Rep. Mandeville joined the meeting
00:52:16 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
00:53:49 Rep. Fern
00:58:26 Eric Bryson, MACo
00:58:55 Rep. Skees
01:00:20 Sen. K. Regier
01:00:29 Rep. Custer
01:01:09 Sen. K. Regier
01:01:21 Rep. Dunwell
01:02:53 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
01:03:28 Chair Greef
01:04:04 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
01:04:37 Chair Greef
01:04:48 Rep. Custer
01:05:54 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
01:06:20 Rep. Gunderson
01:07:31 Sen. K. Regier
01:07:42 Rep. Fern
01:09:28 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:55 Sen. K. Regier

ADJOURNMENT

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Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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